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The Intentional Stance

By Daniel C. Dennett

MIT Press Ltd, United States, 1989. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Revised ed.. 226 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. How are we able to understand and anticipate each other in everyday life, in our daily interactions? Through the use of such folk concepts as belief, desire, intention, and expectation, asserts Daniel Dennett in this first full-scale presentation of a theory of intentionality that he has been developing for almost twenty years. We adopt a stance, he argues, a predictive strategy of interpretation that presupposes the rationality of the people -- or other entities -- we are hoping to understand and predict. These principles of radical interpretation have far-reaching implications for the metaphysical and scientific status of the processes referred to by the everyday terms of folk psychology and their corresponding terms in cognitive science. While Dennett's philosophical stance has been steadfast over the years, his views have undergone successive enrichments, refinements, and extensions. The Intentional Stance brings together both previously published and original material: four of the book's ten chapters -- its first and the final three -- appear here for the first time and push the theory into surprising new territory. The remaining six were...


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